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1. WE PASSED FULL TEXT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SPEECH TO
DR. KLAUS STAHL, MINECON OFFICIAL HANDLING ANTITRUST
MATTERS. STAHL SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN AWARE OF STATE-
MENT AND IN FACT, BASED ON NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE
SPEECH, HAD ASKED FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO INVESTIGATE
REASON FOR MENTION OF THE FRG.

2. STAHL SAID THAT, IN HIS OPINION, ONLY POSSIBLE
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CAUSE FOR FRG MENTION MIGHT BE THAT, AT TIME OF ANTI-
TRUST NEGOTIATIONS LAST YEAR, FRG NEGOTIATORS HAD
MENTIONED OLD FRG STATUTE REGARDING MARITIME TRANS-
PORTATION WHICH PROHIBITS HANDING OVER DOCUMENTS IN
THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION FIELD TO ANY FOREIGN
AUTHORITIES UNLESS THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
GRANTS AN EXCEPTION. HOWEVER, THE FRG DOES NOT

CONSIDER THIS STATUTE AS HAVING ANY MATERIAL BEARING
ON ANTITRUST IEGISLATION.

3. STAHL SAID THAT, SHOULD THE FRG NOT BE SATISFIED
WITH THE REPLY FROM THEIR EMBASSY, THEY MAY BE COM-
PELLED TO REPLY OFFICIAILY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
SPEECH. THEREFORE, EMBASSY BONN WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING THE BACKGROUND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
REFERENCE TO THE FRG, IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT HEAD OFF
ANY UPSET IN THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WE HAVE WITH DR.
STAHL'S OFFICE.
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